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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**1ST FEBRUARY 2015**

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**IN NEWS**

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around St Andrew's*

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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## **JOHN DICKSON**

### **☛ Senior Minister**

Dear St Andrew's,

With great expectation, today we kick off our regular services for 2015!

I can't believe this time last year we were welcoming Mike Hastie and James Smith to the pastoral team. But now they're part of the beautiful furniture of our church life. Please continue to pray for their ministries among youth/7pm and 10am respectively. Of course, it was also 12 months ago that we welcomed Bec Kimpton into the office staff. We praise God

for her. We would be lost without her competence and composure!

Let me tell you what's coming up at St Andrew's over the next few months.

Today we start our new sermon series on Mark's gospel, which will take us up to Easter. I'm embarrassed to say that we haven't studied a Gospel in detail together for a few years.

That's my fault. I've so wanted us to comprehend the Old Testament, and its connection with the New, that I pushed aside the very foundation of the new covenant: the four Gospels at the front of our New Testament. Here, we witness Jesus speaking to a huge variety of people, believers and doubters alike. But, no matter who he interacted with, he always spoke with truth and love, as he revealed God's plans for the world.

Secondly, today, we start advertising our Chair Challenge to begin in Lent (18 February). What is it? Well, for one thing, it could quite possibly change your life! The Chair Challenge is a church-wide initiative—pinched from another church—to encourage regular personal Bible reading and prayer for just 15mins a day. There are three simple components:

1. Buy a chair

Okay, you don't have to buy one if you already have a perfectly good spot! But purchasing a

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new or second hand chair might help you kick-start a new discipline in your life. And, let's face it, some of us happily spend money on devices and furniture with less worthy functions—just saying! Anyway, get your comfy chair, put it in a place that is (as much as possible) free from distractions and conducive to reflection.

2. Commit to regularly reading a passage of scripture

What should you read? Your choice! Maybe one of the Gospels, maybe something else, but, no matter what you choose, expect to be challenged and surprised by what you read.

3. Pray

Finally, ask God to help you understand and apply what you've just read. There's a reason why the bible is continually the world's number 1 best-seller! Then say the Lord's Prayer, and let that be a springboard to a few more minutes of prayer, for yourself and others. Just 15mins in total is all we're asking. We guarantee that this challenge, if done regularly, will have a positive impact on your life and relationships (or your money back!).

We hope this initiative will be transformative for everyone involved. Over the coming weeks, we will interview people across our different services and hear how this challenge has

impacted their lives. I think you're going to find this greatly rewarding.

We have produced a Mark's Gospel reading guide. We will hand it out the week before Lent begins and also email it to everyone. Please get ready to take up the Chair Challenge. Mark it in the diary—Wednesday 18 February is the start date.

We have so much to look forward to in 2015. Perhaps more than ever, we are aware of our dependence upon our God as the property fundraising begins in earnest. As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 127

**Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.**

**Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.**

Can I ask all of you also to pray for our staff team, parish council, wardens, small group leaders, and all our wonderful volunteers—without whom none of our vibrant church ministries would function. I would also love prayer for my two weeks of preaching and lecturing throughout the US, beginning next week. Thank you.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2015 with you all,

God bless,

John.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### ☛ **Meals Ministry Cook-up**

Tue 3rd Feb – 9:30am - 12noon  
in the Church Hall

All are welcome to be involved.

Contact:

[meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au](mailto:meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Church-Wide Prayer Meeting**

Wed 4th Feb 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church

## FOR THE DIARY

### ☛ **SRE Accreditation**

For 5 weeks from Mon 9th Feb  
7:30pm - 9:30pm in the Youth Hall

For all Sunday School teachers

Contact [cath.ahern@standrews.net.au](mailto:cath.ahern@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Life of Jesus**

Wed 25th Feb – 7.30pm

John and Buff Dickson's home

A 5-week course for people curious to find out  
about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email

[lifeofjesus@standrews.net.au](mailto:lifeofjesus@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Women's Dinner - Save the Date!**

Mon 9th Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club

## REGULAR MINISTRIES RECOMMENCING

### ☛ **Small Groups**

If you are interested in joining a small group in  
2015, please contact

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### ☛ **Fit For Good - Pilates**

Mondays at 5:30pm, Fridays at 11:15am

In the Hall

A great opportunity to improve core strength,  
improve flexibility and feel physically and  
mentally refreshed.

Cost: \$120 for 10 classes - all proceeds to  
charities.

Contact [fitforgood@standrews.net.au](mailto:fitforgood@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Playgroup**

Weekly on Thursday in school terms,  
10am - 12pm, recommencing Thu 5th Feb

In the Lower Hall

Cost: \$3

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## 🕒 **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

Weekly classes in school terms, recommencing Thu 5th Feb 10am - 12pm

In the Kelman Room

Small groups for beginners to advanced adult students to learn English conversation. Pre-school aged children can be looked after in the Playgroup during the classes.

## 🕒 **Xtreme**

Weekly on Fridays in school terms, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, recommencing on **Fri 20th Feb**.

For children in years 5 and 6 at school. Xtreme is primarily a games-based group but includes scientific investigation and discussion of the Christian faith.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

### 🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Pray for the many ministries that will start again this week including small groups, playgroup, ESL and our Children's and Youth ministries. Pray that God will strengthen all leaders in wisdom, love, godliness and maturity, and grow his people at St Andrews.

## 🕒 **8:30am Prayer**

Thank God for the wonderfully faithful and devoted life of Lois Meyer who died last week aged 96. Pray for her family and friends as they grieve.

Pray for medical expertise and wisdom in diagnosing and treating young Robert Faulkner-Shotter after recent emergency surgery. Pray for his improvement and that his parents Amber and Jonathan will know peace in trusting God.

## 🕒 **10am Prayer**

Pray for Mary Fenner as she recovers from shoulder surgery and manages the difficult limitations over this time. Pray for her son Ewan; that God will guide him in how he can help Mary.

Praise God for the safe arrival of Leonardo to Nicala and David Cain and pray for His blessing on the family as he settles in.

Pray for Greg and Jane Britton and Matilda as they relocate to Bardwell Park and attend church in Croydon. Pray that God will bless Jane with a safe delivery of their second child in March. Pray that they will quickly settle into their new home and church and Greg into his new role at RPA hospital.

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Pray for Lynda Stanford as she recovers from a broken ankle and manages the challenges of limited mobility.

Pray for Cath Ahern as she coordinates the those who teach SRE in our local Public Schools. Thank God for the opportunity to do this valuable work for the gospel week-by-week, and pray for those who give of their time; that they might reflect the love of the Lord Jesus so that boys and girls will come to know and put their trust in him.

## ☛ **St Andrew's Ministries**

Pray for the Youth ministry among our older school children and the young people's ministry at the 7pm service under the guidance of Mike Hastie and Suz Gorham. Pray that this ministry will grow and that there will be a deepening sense of commitment amongst the young people.

## ☛ **Other**

Pray for our Archbishop Glenn and our regional Bishop Chris in all the responsibilities of their office. Give them wisdom in decision making and guiding of those in their care.

## MISSION & AID

### STEPHANIE AND ANDREW BROWNING

#### ☛ **Tanzania**

Stephanie and Andrew Browning with children William and Christopher serving in Arusha Tanzania. Andrew is working with the Lutheran Mission Hospital as a surgeon and in training of staff in caring for women who have been injured in childbirth.

Pray for Andrew as he travels to other countries to operate, and that his back will remain comfortable.

Stephanie gives thanks for the MAG container which arrived in early December.

She also gives thanks that two very generous donations have been given which will help with the purchase of the neighbouring property for the school. Pray that this will go ahead and be developed quickly.

Continue to pray for the Hoopers as they continue to settle in and find their way around Arusha. Praise God that their work permits have come through.

Pray for an admin/communications/logistics person to work with the Bishop.

Pray for safety and security at the Bishop's guesthouse – they have been robbed several times.

*Words you'll need for  
today's contemporary services*

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep,  
We have left undone  
what we ought to have done,  
and we have done  
what we ought not to have done.  
We have followed our own ways  
and the desires of our own hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who turn to you,  
according to your promises declared  
to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And grant, merciful Father,  
for his sake,  
that we may live a godly  
and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

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# FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

## ➤ Supporting the General Ministry

To support the general work of St Andrew's, electronic banking details for regular direct credit are:

**Anglican Parish St Andrew's**  
**BSB 704 998**  
**A/C 100 005 413**

*This is our preferred method to receive your regular support.*

If you prefer to make cash/cheque contributions, there is a gifts and donations box attached to the church's rear pew.

## ➤ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew's Property Redevelopment, **tax-deductible** contributions can be made to the following account:

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville Donation Fund**  
**BSB 704 998**  
**A/C 100 010 195**

Please include your surname and the initials "PV" (for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to St Andrew's Roseville Donation Fund. Please mark the envelope with your surname and "PV".

A receipt for tax purposes will be forwarded to you upon receiving your electronic or cheque donation.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact Santino Dimarco for specific instructions:  
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